

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of May 28, 2014

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, May 28, 2014  
at 6:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:40

**Members Present:** Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Fontaine, Jeffrey Harris,  
Elizabeth Martin

**Members Absent:** Eric Piette

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes, CA Application

**Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2014**

Minutes from the April 28 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications**

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 4 Woonsocket Hill Road (Peleg Arnold Tavern), Union Village Historic District.  
Owners: Wilfred and Sheila Cardin

Work consists of installing replacement windows for over 100 year old wooden windows, albeit not original to the house, that are in serious disrepair. A total of 44 windows are due for replacement.

Applicant proposes to replace these windows with Harvey vinyl double hung replacement windows, almond in color. These windows would look similar to the current windows in that the top window would have a center dividing bar (Simulated Divided Lite). This bar would be one inch in width and is applied to the window in three pieces- an exterior bar, an interior bar and between the glass bar- giving the appearance of a solid separation. Removal of these windows will require patching and painting the outside window casings.

**Discussion:**

This property is of high historic significance. "The Peleg Arnold Tavern," It lies within the Union Village Historic District and on the National Register.

The replacement windows will not require storms so removal of the current storms will yield a better reveal. Seven windows will be 6 over 1 due to reduced height proportions and are currently 6 over 1. Smallest window on west side will be 1 over 1. Though applicant is using newer material, he is not taking away historic character by maintaining visual quality, meeting standard #2, retain historic character, and standard #5, protect distinctive structure and craftsmanship.

It was determined that the Repairs/Replacement specified above are essentially an "in-kind" replacement ( using new material ) and are appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application as submitted, and a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Motion to approve: Dan Couture  
Seconded: Elizabeth Martin  
Voted Yes: All  
Opposed: None  
(Jeff Fontaine not present for vote)

## **New Business**

### **A.. Review/discussion/ on RFP for Forestdale Schoolhouse.**

1. Three groups attended pre-proposal conference on May 12th.
2. Deadline for RFP and fee proposal is set for June 20th, 2014 by 2:00 pm.
3. Receipt of proposals will be accepted at Forestdale Schoolhouse on June 20th, between 9:00 am and 2:00pm. and other modes of submission possible ( not specifically identified as of this meeting) as long as received by June 20th, 2:00 pm.
4. Intended date for contractor selection is set for June 23, 2014.
5. Submission of application by North Smithfield Heritage Association in collaboration with NSHDC requesting grant from Levy Foundation will be made in time to meet Foundation's July 10th deadline.
6. If Levy funding is received, goal is to sign contract in first week of September and completion of Master Plan by October 20, 2014.

### **B. Discussion on Comprehensive Plan**

1. Revisions to Comprehensive Plan should include additions of Slatersville ( albeit subject to two year sunset provision) and Forestdale Schoolhouse as two additional historic districts under the purview of NSHDC.  
Currently, Comprehensive Plan refers to only two historic districts, Union Village and Blunders.
2. Comprehensive Plan should recognize the rehabilitation of Slatersville Mills to adaptive residential use, as well as the rehabilitation of Tupperware Mills to adaptive residential use.
3. Comprehensive plan should reference the current RI DOT plans to rebuild the Railroad Bridge and enhance its environs.
4. Potential for National Park status for Slatersville Historic District should be included under goals/objectives.
5. Comprehensive Plan should recognize redevelopment/rehabilitation and adaptive commercial use in progress at Branch Village on Great Road.
6. Remove reference to slide presentation program.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee

1. Finalize Documentation.

B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).

1. Will aid NS Heritage Association with application for Levy grant to pursue Master Plan of use and condition of Forestdale Schoolhouse building and grounds.

C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 8:35

Motion: Dan Couture

Seconded: Elizabeth Martin

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday , June 23, 2014